

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Philip J. IONS et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3633
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Application No.: 10/593,063)	Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A
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Filed: April 28, 2008)	Confirmation No.: 6465
)	
For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT)	<u>VIA EFS-WEB</u>

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2011, the period for response having been extended to October 17, 2011 (October 16, 2011, being a Sunday), by a petition for a two-month extension of time and fee payment filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section of this paper.